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1. There follows, as the first evidence of an "organized resistance" against the present regime in Bulgaria, the following translation of a notice circulated in Sofia on 6 January. There are no reports concerning the success of this strike.

**"NOTICE"**

TO ALL CLERKS AND EMPLOYEES OF ALL BANKS IN THE COUNTRY, THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, MINISTRIES, NATIONAL BROADCASTING STATION, FOREIGN LEGATIONS, SOCIAL ASSOCIATIONS, OFFICES AND PRIVATE PERSONS:

"Dear Colleagues of all Banks in Bulgaria:

Today we are placed in a position that has never happened in the life of the banks' and social development. We are at a crossroad, or more truly at no road at all. Until the present time we have worked in state, semi-state, or private banks which the Government closes and the latter ones are liquidated. Where shall we go? Where shall we stay? Is our work or daily bread guaranteed? Positively not. This is known to every bank clerk. Today we raise our voice for the guaranty of our bread and the bread of our families - our wives and children. We want the collective labor contracts to be guaranteed as well as the state contracts and funds. The state authority knows the number of the bank institutions in the country, it knows also the number of their clerks and employees, it knows as well how many will remain in the newly established banks. (Naturally only the Party members, regardless of their working capacity or inability for work). When the State insists that no one will remain without a job let it make a list of all and then guarantee that the rights of the clerks and the employees will be in force, rights which were acquired during the short or long period of employment and in case he is discharged on the day of the discharge give him a sum of 200,000 or 300,000 leva.

But let us be sure - and we declare this to the whole world, that the government of the Fatherland Front will play a trick on us - a quality attributed to this government - and will in a most vulgar way state that the majority of us are fascists, restorators, foreign

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agents, regressive elements. It will deprive us of our acquired rights only for the fact that we want guarantee for our daily bread.

ONLY ONE THING CAN SAVE OUR RIGHTS - AND THAT IS A STRIKE! One in which the whole apparatus of the state and private banks must participate and will last until every bank employee receives a personal guarantee by a declaration of the government broadcast over the radio and expressed in the press:

THE STRIKE STARTS ON JANUARY 6, TUESDAY, and will last as long as the General Administration of the Strike decides:

The Administration orders that on January 6, 1943, no one from the Director to the Handyman will appear in the bank offices. It is forbidden for the Directors and the other officials to persuade the personnel to continue work. We are strong enough to meet any resistance.....We shall keep an account for everyone who tries to deceive himself. OMS has no right to intercede. It must help the strike for we are a part of the Union.

We live in a free and democratic state in order to express our wishes and wants through a strike.

"Colleagues: You see the chaos in the banks and the low potential for work which is due to our uncertainties.

The Administration of the Strike orders that every paymaster, director, procurist, employee, etc., make the present decree known to other employees. Those who do not will be most severely punished.

EVERYONE ON STRIKE!

January, 1943

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